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1           A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION honoring REAL Services for  
2           50 years of serving the needs of individuals in northern Indiana.

3           *Whereas, REAL Services was established in May 1966 as*  
4           *a part of the planning division of United Way;*

5           *Whereas, The organization was founded to develop a*  
6           *service network designed to meet the needs of older adults in St.*  
7           *Joseph County;*

8           *Whereas, The organization's mission is to assist in*  
9           *establishing a community in which those served can maintain*  
10          *their independence to the maximum degree possible, and find*  
11          *meaning and satisfaction throughout their lives;*

12          *Whereas, The first Indiana grant from the U.S.*  
13          *Administration on Aging for Research and Development was*  
14          *given to REAL Services in 1967, and was used to establish the*  
15          *organization's Information, Counseling and Referral Program*  
16          *(ICR) to determine and address the immediate needs of the*  
17          *elderly;*

18          *Whereas, As a result of ICR's establishment, a directory of*  
19          *community services for older adults was prepared and*  
20          *distributed, and new programs were developed to meet the*  
21          *needs;*



1       *Whereas, In its early years, in conjunction with First*  
2       *United Methodist Church, REAL Services launched a program*  
3       *to provide meals and socialization opportunities for older*  
4       *adults, which became the model for nationwide nutrition*  
5       *programs under the Older Americans Act of 1965;*

6       *Whereas, Through the years, REAL Services enacted*  
7       *programs such as Dial-A-Ride transportation, crime victim*  
8       *services, weatherization assistance, and guardianship; and in*  
9       *the 1980s, expanded its outreach to include services for low-*  
10       *income people of any age;*

11       *Whereas, REAL Services is the Area Agency on Aging for*  
12       *Area Two of Indiana and has two other divisions that serve*  
13       *vulnerable older adults and low-income persons of all ages:*  
14       *The Community Action Agency and Alzheimer's and Dementia*  
15       *Services;*

16       *Whereas, Today, REAL Services serves as an umbrella*  
17       *organization for more than 20 programs that assist 30,000*  
18       *elderly, disabled and low-income individuals in 12 northern*  
19       *Indiana counties each year; and*

20       *Whereas, It is fitting that REAL Services is honored and*  
21       *recognized for its continual devotion to bettering northern*  
22       *Indiana and the lives of the individuals they serve on a daily*  
23       *basis: Therefore,*

24       *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly*  
25       *of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:*

26       SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly honors REAL  
27       Services for 50 years of serving the needs of individuals in northern  
28       Indiana.

29       SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to  
30       transmit a copy of this Resolution to Becky Zaseck, President of REAL  
31       Services.

